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to Evasion of Service

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[redacted] prior to bombing a certain area in
North Korea, United Nations aircraft will fly over the tentative target and
drop leaflets to the civilians warning them that the area they are in is
scheduled to be bombed that night or the next day. These leaflets are
dropped as warning notices that the UN does not want to harm the civilians
and request that they evacuate the target area. [redacted]

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[redacted] the Communist authorities have
warned the civilian population not to pick up any dropped leaflets. They
are told that if they are apprehended while picking up dropped leaflets or
while in possession of them they will be shot or imprisoned. As a result
the leaflet drops have been very ineffectual because of these drastic counter
measures.

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[redacted]
there are very few youths available for military service with the People's
Army. This is due to many young men hiding out in the mountains or escaping
to South Korea. Those who are drafted are picked up by the authorities under
the name of "volunteers for the unification of the Chosen People's Republic".

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